



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 769**

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House Bill No. 6365

*House of Representatives, May 8, 2013*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TEACHER  
CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES OF THE CONNECTICUT  
ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper  
5 application, shall issue an initial educator certificate to any person who  
6 has graduated (1) from a four-year baccalaureate program of teacher  
7 education as approved by said state board, [or] (2) from a four-year  
8 baccalaureate program approved by said state board or from a college  
9 or university accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
10 or State Board of Education or regionally accredited, or (3) from the  
11 summer or weekend and evening alternate route to certification  
12 program administered by the Office of Higher Education, provided  
13 such person has taken such teacher training equivalents as the State

14 Board of Education shall require and, unless such equivalents are  
 15 taken at institutions outside of this state, as the board of regents shall  
 16 accredit. In addition, on and after July 1, 1993, each applicant shall  
 17 have completed a subject area major as defined by the State Board of  
 18 Education, except as provided in section 10-145l. Each such initial  
 19 educator certificate shall be valid for three years, except as provided in  
 20 subsection (c) of this section, and may be extended by the  
 21 Commissioner of Education for an additional year for good cause upon  
 22 the request of the superintendent in whose school district such person  
 23 is employed or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing  
 24 such person's performance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	10-145b(a)
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**HED**      *Joint Favorable C/R*

APP

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to issue an initial educator certificate to any person who has graduated from the summer or weekend and evening alternative route to certification (ARC) program, which is administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE). It is not anticipated that this will result in a cost to either state agency.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6365*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES OF THE CONNECTICUT ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates a third way for the State Board of Education (SBE) to issue initial educator certificates. Currently, SBE must issue them to applicants who have graduated with a bachelor's degree from either (1) a teacher education program approved by SBE or (2) another program approved by SBE, or a college or university (a) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) or SBE or (b) regionally accredited. Under the bill, SBE must also issue an initial educator certificate to any person who has graduated from the summer or weekend and evening alternative route to certification (ARC) program, which is administered by the Office of Higher Education.

Applicants who have completed the ARC program must also satisfy requirements set in existing law: completion of (1) teaching training equivalents required by SBE and accredited by the BOR and (2) a subject area major, unless a teacher shortage in a subject area justifies a waiver.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**BACKGROUND*****Initial Educator Certificate***

An initial educator certificate is a license to teach that is issued to a person who has met the requirements for entrance into a beginning educator program. This program, established by SBE, aims to improve the quality of the first years in the classroom and to determine whether

the person has achieved the expertise deserving of license promotion (CGS § 10-144o(2)).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/22/2013)